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TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJECT: GOK INTEREST IN F-8 AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 79842

1. AT MAY 3 MEETING MINDEF SAAD EMPHASIZED GOK REMAINS WORRIED ABOUT CURRENT IRAQI MILITARY INTENTIONS TOWARD KUWAIT. HE ASKED ME IF THERE ANY POSSIBILITY US COULD PROVIDE AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS TO KUWAIT TO COVER PERIOD UNTIL F-8 S ARRIVE IN COUNTRY AND SUFFICIENT NUMBER KUWAITI PILOTS TRAINED. ALTERNATIVELY COULD US SUGGEST WHERE SUCH AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS COULD BE ACQUIRED QUICKLY.

2. I TOLD MINDEF I COULD NOT ANSWER HIS QUESTION DIRECTLY BUT I DID HAVE STRONG PERSONAL VIEWS ON SUBJECT. I SAID I THOUGHT HIRING OF MERCENARY PILOTS, WHOEVER THEY WERE WOULD BE WRONG WAY TO GO. PRESENCE OF MERCENARIES WOULD BE BAD FOR MORALE OF KUWAIT AIR FORCE AND REDUCE KAF INCENTIVE TO TRAIN AND BRING THEIR OWN KUWAITIS UP TO SPEED FOR COMBAT IN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. MOREOVER I PERSONALLY THOUGHT HIRING OF AMERICANS COULD WELL BE PROBLEM FOR US AND DID HE THINK IT A GOOD IDEA FOR KUWAIT ANYWAY?

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3. MINDEF SAID HE SAW MY POINT.

4. I SAID MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE MOVE QUICKLY RECRUIT YOUNG KUWAITIS INTERESTED IN AIR FORCE AND I WOULD DO MY BEST ARRANGE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THEM IN US IN KEEPING WITH OUR PILOT TRAINING OFFER. PILOTS KUWAIT ALREADY HAD ALSO OF COURSE COULD BE CONVERTED TO F-8 S QUICKLY. I SAID I WOULD ALSO REQUEST USG TO PROVIDE F-8 S TO GOK ON AS URGENT A SCHEDULE AS FEASIBLE.

5. IN TALK WITH FONMIN SABAH AND UNDERSEC RASHID DAY BEFORE FONMIN SAID GOK HAD BEEN THINKING OF HIRING PAKISTANI PILOTS. IN REPLY I SPOKE AGAINST MERCENARIES IN PRINCIPLE ALONG LINES PARA TWO ABOVE.  
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